GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT PRONE AREA PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested the Union Government to release 1000 watershed development projects under Drought Prone Area Programme (DPAP) and 21 projects under IWDP;

(b) if so, the number of projects sanctioned by the Union Government so far;

(c) the present status of the remaining projects; and

(d) the time by which the remaining projects are likely to be cleared ?.

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (d) A proposal was received from the Government of Maharashtra in February, 2004 to sanction 1000 watershed projects under DPAP to Maharashtra State. New projects under DPAP are annually sanctioned to the programme States following a criteria that includes DPAP coverage in the State, performance of the on-going projects, budget availability, etc. Accordingly, a total of 959 DPAP projects i.e. 296 projects in 2003-04, 303 projects in 2004-05 and 360 projects in 2005-06 have been sanctioned to the State.

As far as IWDP is concerned, the priority list of project proposals received from the State Government is considered by the Project Approval Committee. During 2005-06, a priority list of 13 projects proposals was received from the Govt. of Maharashtra and all the 13 projects have been sanctioned.